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given us this aid in regard to the Lichens, and Dr. Ida S. Kellar is now engaged in preparing for us this necessary key to our several collections of marine Algæ. May we not hope for an early completion of similar work upon the Mosses, Hepaticæ and Fungi?

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. REDFIELD,

Conservator.

REPORT OF THE MINERALOGICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SECTION.

The meetings of the Section with the Academy have been held regularly every other month during the year, in addition to which several distinct meetings have also been held. The attendance has not been large in numbers, the membership of the Section being quite small, but the interest has been considerable and the additions to the cabinet, while not as great as in some former years, have been satisfactory. The Director regrets to say that there do not seem to be many of the younger members of the Academy interested in mineralogy and geology, so that the membership instead of increasing has decreased.

It is proposed during the spring of 1892 to inaugurate a series of excursions, which it is hoped may serve, not only to interest the members, but also to so attract the attention of others not members that they may be induced to become such.

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. D. RAND,

Director.

REPORT OF THE ORNITHOLOGICAL SECTION.

The Ornithological Section was formally organized Sept. 14th, 1891, permission having been previously granted by the Academy.

The primary objects in organizing the Section were the encouragement of ornithological study at the Academy and the improvement and enlargement of its ornithological collections.

The collection numbering some 30,000 specimens is one of the finest in the world, and is probably the best *general* collection in